

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 1, 2003

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met July 1, 2003, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order Chairman Pamela Lancaster

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison

ROLL CALL – Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Hartman was absent. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and news media representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda –

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the June 20 meeting
2. 5a Approve Resolution #03-0041 for setting speed limits on Stolley Park Road
3. 8 Accept and place on file the Keno Audit
4. 10 Place on file the tort claim from Kira Handley
5. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 03-0041

#### A RESOLUTION SETTING AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM LAWFUL SPEED OF 50 MILES PER HOUR FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON STOLLEY PARK ROAD FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND WEST TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH ENGLEMAN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Supervisors received complaints from residents of Hall County concerning the present speed limits on Stolley Park Road from the corporate limits of the City of Grand Island West to its intersection with Engelman Road, all within Hall County: and

WHEREAS, such complaints prompted the need for further consideration of the speed limit upon said segment of the above-described county road: and

WHEREAS, as speed survey was conducted by the Hall County Highway Department concerning vehicular traffic upon the above-described county road and, as a result of said survey

4 9:15 a.m. EVENT CENTER UPDATE – Matt Shonsey and Doyle Hulme volunteer Co-Chairs of the Heartland Events Center Capital Campaign were present. They wanted to up-date the County Board on the progress of the campaign. Mr. Shonsey stated he would like to thank the community for the financial commitments they have made to the Heartland Events Center. This is a joint venture of many different entities. This new facility will provide a multi-purpose facility that will serve over 500,000 people.

To date they have received \$29.3 million toward the goal of \$35 million to complete the construction and equip the facility. That is 84% of their goal. Mr. Shonsey stated they have received the following:

- Two commitments of \$7 million plus
- Four commitments of \$1 million plus
- Nine commitments of \$200,000 plus
- And almost 600 commitments from \$10.00 to \$49,999
- The motel lodging tax has provided \$450,000 toward capital construction and future funds will be used toward the operation.
- The Hall County Livestock Improvement Association is making an in-kind gift of \$10 million in land, parking and conversion of existing space

He stated that they are now entering the final phase of the campaign. They are starting a push to go over the goal in the next 10 months. They are looking at four new areas:

- First they are looking at individuals and businesses in the area who have not contributed
- Second, they are looking at the current contributors who might consider increasing their commitment
- Third, they are looking to area, regional and some national foundations that would be willing to join
- And fourth, they are looking at new areas of funding that may invest in Hall County, the County and State and Federal governmental entities

They are asking the Hall County Board to consider an investment in the Heartland Events Center of \$1 million over the next five years.

Lancaster thanked Mr. Shonsey for the presentation

Arnold questioned if they have gone to the general public and if they had considered requesting the public to sponsor a seat. Mr. Shonsey stated that in the next 10 months they will be putting together an organized effort to reach their goal. Arnold stated that board members have discussed the county's participation but they have not discussed it as a group.

Eriksen also stated that discussion has been held on a couple of avenues that the county could use.

Rye also stated that the board has discussed this issue and the board needs time to work through the process.

Lancaster stated that the county has not started the budget sessions and they have not allocated the keno funds yet. This project will be an asset to the community.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2a CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND - County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz was present. He stated that the committee has met with the city concerning the ambulance agreement and the city council has approved the agreement. This agreement is similar to the current agreement. It will provide a 2% increase each year and it also addresses the transportation of inmates from the county jail. The city will not seek reimbursement of the inmate transportation unless the total cost exceeds \$12,000.00 a year. He recommended approving the contract. Jeffries stated that the county's contribution is \$165,000.00 a year and it costs the city \$1.3 million a year to operate the ambulances. Rye made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

2b CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUB-GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO ACT WITH RESPECT TO DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT GRANT – Janulewicz stated that Emergency Management Director Howard Maxon applied for an emergency preparedness grant. The federal government has awarded money to the states and these dollars may be distributed to other state entities for equipment purchases. These dollars and the purchases of the equipment must go through the county. Hall County received \$49,100.00 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Once the equipment is purchased and the ownership of the equipment transfers to the other public entities the county does not have to keep the equipment on the county inventory. When the equipment is purchased they will have to follow the county purchasing act. The county now needs to approve the grant award agreement and the sub-grantee agreements with the fire districts and St. Francis Hospital.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #03 0042 a resolution approve the domestic preparedness equipment grant award agreement and authorize the board chairman to execute sub-grantee agreements. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

2c DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR HARTMAN TO PURCHASE CEDAR TREES FROM COUNTY – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that Supervisor Richard Hartman contacted him concerning the purchase of cedar trees from the County. Mr. Hartman said he has a need for the trees and there are trees growing on property that the County purchased for the South Locust Interchange. Janulewicz explained that the total contract cannot exceed \$2,000.00, it must be on the agenda and Mr. Hartman could not vote on the agenda item. He would also have to file a Form C-3 with Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

Arnold stated he had some concern on the value of volunteer cedar trees but these trees are considered weeds in pastureland and if the land may be considered for a park in the future, he stated that he is comfortable with this process.

Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to sell the cedar trees to Richard Hartman.

Discussion was held concerning filling the holes and placing the trees on his property. The board also discussed the number of trees and if a flat rate should be charged for the sale. Concern was expressed if some one else would want to purchase trees and if a minimum charge should be established.

Eriksen amended the motion to sell a minimum of 20 trees or \$200.00.

Jeffries amended his motion and Humiston seconded the amended motion to approve the sale of the cedar trees to Supervisor Richard Hartman for \$10.00 a tree with a minimum of \$200.00. The land must be returned to its original state and the trees are not for resale. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and Parks Director Chuck Kaufman stated that he would like to remind the public that the park will be closed July 7, 8, 9 and 10 for construction of the levies for the Wood River Warm Slough project.

No one else responded.

7 ELECTION COMMITTEE – DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER - Eriksen stated that the election committee met to establish the salary for the election commissioner for the next four years. The salary will be as follows:

Calendar year 2004 \$25,124.28  
Calendar year 2005 \$25,878.01  
Calendar year 2006 \$26,654.35  
Calendar year 2007 \$27,453.98

Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #03-0043 a resolution establishing the salary for the office of part-time election commissioner for the term of office commencing January 1, 2004.

Jeffries questioned if this a part-time job at 20 hours per week would this mean that the salary would be doubled for a full time position. Lancaster stated that this agreement only requires a minimum of 20 hours per week and additional hours when necessary. Arnold stated that it costs more for a part-time position because there are no benefits. If it were to become a full time position it would not mean that the salary would be doubled. The part-time position does accrue sick and vacation hours on a prorated basis.

The vote was taken on the motion. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

6. 10:00 a.m. BID OPENING FOR HALL COUNTY PARK CAMP SITE PROJECT – The following bids were read:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID
Island Landhandlers 2419 S North Rd Grand Island, NE	\$140,040.25
JIL Asphalt Paving Co. 3921 W Schimmer Dr. Grand Island, NE	\$124,147.20

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the park committee and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET – Eriksen stated that the joint meeting for the health department budget was held June 24, 2003. The 2003 2004 budget was discussed. The County did have a quorum of its members present, but at this time the counties and city are not in a position to approve the budget. According to the interlocal agreement it states that the health department budget must be approved by July 15. The health department will approve the budget at their July 14 meeting and if the funding is not available from the counties and city they will have to reduce their expenditures. The county and city will address the request from the health department through their normal budgeting process, so no action is necessary at this time.

11 DISCUSS AND APPROVE NEW MEMBERS TO STUHR MUSEUM BOARD – The board received a letter from the Stuhr Museum Operating Board of Directors nominating the following as new members to the board of trustees with the term starting July 15, 2003:

Frank Haack	1012 East Phoenix, Grand Island, Nebraska
Pamela Snow	4527 East Stolley Park Rd, Grand Island, Nebraska
Tim Wojcik	2324 Stagecoach Road, Grand Island, Nebraska

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the appointments of Frank Haack, Pamela Snow and Tim Wojcik to the Stuhr Museum Operating Board of Directors. The County Board was aware of the openings and they could make recommendations also, if anyone wants to serve on these boards they can fill out a

volunteer form. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

Held the Board of Corrections meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Held the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Took a short break for the park committee could meet to review the bids and come back with a recommendation.

Jeffries stated that the park committee met with Chuck Kaufman and County Engineer Jeff Palik and reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the bid to JIL Asphalt.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bid from JIL Asphalt in the amount of \$124,127.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no, with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

16 a. COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS –

b. DISCUSS AND APPROVE EARLY CLAIM FOR WATER CONNECTION FEES AT HALL COUNTY PARK – Jeffries stated that city ordinance requires that a connection fee is paid in order to hook up to city water. Hall County Park needs to hook up to city water and in order to do so must pay the connection fee. The fee for the park is \$13,284.55 and a claim has been prepared to pay this. Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the bi-weekly pay claims and approve the claim for \$13,284.55 for the water hook-up for the Hall County Park. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Hartman absent. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka requested that the board members return the performance evaluations back to her by July 10<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded them of the adjusted times for the board of equalization meetings and asked if the board members would like a list of the scheduled meetings for July and August. Some of the members stated that they would like the list.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the joint District Health Department meeting and a public works committee meeting.

Rye – He attend the joint District Health Department meeting and the Midland Area Agency on Aging meeting where they interviewed candidates for the director position. Jeffries – He attended the corrections meting and discussion was held to try to acquire more work release and trustees for outside work at the county. He also attended the personal committee meeting concerning the performance evaluation.

Arnold – He attended the public works committee meeting and they reviewed the 2003-2004 budget. He also attended the Midland Area Agency on Aging meeting and the interviews they will have more information at the next meeting concerning this.

Lancaster – She attended the computer meeting and the Workforce Development meeting. The website will be a prominent place for the public to look for city or county

jobs. She also attended the NACO convention planning session and at that meeting discussion was held on the ALVE board action that was over turned by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

She also reported that she had checked with the county attorney regarding inheritance tax and what will happen if the federal government eliminates the estate tax, but this will no affect the county inheritance tax.

Lancaster read a letter from the Hall County Housing Authority and the meeting with the Hall County Board is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting recessed for the jail tour. The next meeting will be July 15, 2003.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – THE COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE VIEWED ON GITV CABLE CHANNEL 6 WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 A.M.